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**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 1-65 are pending in this application.

The claims are subjected to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as containing two distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-15 and 44-64, drawn to analyzing excitation patterns, classified in class 704, subclass 223.
- II. Claims 16-27, 28-37, 38-43, and 65, drawn to video distribution system with local interaction, classified in class 725, subclass 135.